



Pest Detection and Management Programs

Plant Protection and Quarantine

Weekly Notice, November 12, 2004

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ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE

Field surveys continued this week with more than 37,760 trees inspected to date. The entire quarantine zone is 10.5 square miles. Four new compliance agreements were issued this week for a total of 63. Additionally, Waste Management Corporation in Elizabeth has been certified as a disposal site for the Carteret infestation. Twenty four USFS climbers, one NJ Department of Agriculture climber, and 31 program personnel from PPQ, NJ Department of Agriculture, NJ Forestry, and USDA Grain and Tobacco are performing survey and regulatory activities.

Kevin Freeman, New Jersey Department of Agriculture Supervisory Climber with the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) New Jersey Program, and Rob Kudlack, USDA-APHIS-PPQ Supervisory Climber with the New York ALB Program, conducted job recruitment and public outreach at the job fair hosted by Paul Smith's College in Paul Smith, New York, from Nov. 3 through Nov. 5.

Public outreach efforts are being planned for Carteret and Woodbridge, New Jersey, tentatively scheduled for November 23. Program officials are looking at providing the mayors/city counsel members with a walking tour of the areas where tree removals will take place. It is anticipated this event will be covered by regional and local media. Additionally, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture will be sending out an informational letter to all residents who will be losing a tree(s) on their property.

In total the program is looking at removing approximately 4000 trees. The first phase of tree removal is slated to begin November 29; approximately 1,000 trees, including the 409 infested trees, within the core are targeted for removal during this phase.

On November 4, the program received a children's essay written by Mr. Larry Nestor, a professional song writer from River Grove, IL, who was inspired to write the essay from the ALB Bookmark he picked up at a local bookstore. Coordinating with Ms. Edith Makra, Community Trees Advocate, The Morton Arboretum, and Tom Dilley, USDA Forest Service/ALB Outreach Coordinator, to see if Mr. Nestor's essay "The Beetles Are Coming," can be used in some of their children programs.

On November 5, Mike Bohne, USDA Forest Service Entomologist/ALB Outreach coordinator for the New York ALB Cooperative Eradication Program, gave a presentation on ALB and other invasive species to approximately 85 students at the Brooklyn Tech High School.

On Monday November 8, 2004, a reporter with The Metro, a new publication in New York City, requested information on the ALB Program in New York after receiving a press release from the City of New York Parks and Recreation on new collection guidelines for wood material within the ALB quarantine zone. Stories also ran in the New York Daily News and the Queens Chronicle.

On December 5, Mike Bohne, USDA Forest Service Entomologist/ALB Outreach coordinator for the New York ALB Cooperative Eradication Program, Rosa Yoo, New Jersey Forestry/ALB Outreach coordinator, and Megan Sheremata, New York State Forestry/ALB Outreach coordinator will be conducting an Urban Forestry Workshop at the Greenbelt Environmental Education Center, High Rock Park, Staten Island, NY. The workshop will provide information on the ALB infestation in Carteret, NJ; the ALB infestations found this summer in NYC and how to look for, identify and report any sighting of the ALB.



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EMERALD ASHBORER

Michigan:

Three (3) EAB larvae collected from a trap tree in Warren Township, Midland County, MI were confirmed by identifier Dr. James Zablotny on November 4, 2004. All detection trees are currently being cut down so that sections of their bark can be peeled to be further inspected for signs of infestation, such as beetle larvae.

Virginia:

VDACS is scheduled to meet with the Fairfax County Urban Foresters, who have worked cooperatively with them to set up and monitor EAB sites, this month to plan next year's survey. All sentinel tree sites were negative this past year. Virginia is going to expand their EAB survey next year, placing more sentinel trees (total of 50 trees this year).